

swim for Penn State University that fall. He made an impressive recovery and went on to have a collegiate swimming career. He placed third in the 200 free relay at the 1997 Big Ten Conference Meet, and he was named Academic All-Big Ten athlete for the 1996–1997 season.

Paul's heart condition was monitored as he swam for two seasons at Penn State, but there were still signs of leakage in his heart. Despite deciding to give up swimming, he went on to play fall baseball for Penn State, and, in the spring, he was the last person cut from the team. In 1999, Paul graduated with a degree in chemical engineering.

While monitoring his heart condition after two open heart surgeries, Paul stays active and encourages young people to reach their full potential in sport. He has coached junior high baseball, age group swimming, rec league soccer, baseball, and basketball. He has served as the Tunkhannock Youth Soccer Commissioner and the Tunkhannock Youth Basketball Association Treasurer. He was on the board of the Wyoming County United Way and a trustee of the Center Moreland United Methodist Church. Paul shared his story of perseverance and overcoming adversity with the students of his alma mater as the keynote speaker of the Tunkhannock High School Honors Banquet.

It is an honor to recognize Paul on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his unique story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to future Pennsylvania students striving for personal excellence.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE  
MARGIE RICE

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of the Honorable Margie Rice, long time Mayor and Council Member of the City of Westminster, California, who passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2021, at the age of 92.

Mayor Rice served on the Westminster City Council for 22 years, including 12 years as the city's elected mayor.

Prior to that, Margie Rice served as a Trustee on the Westminster School District for 17 years. Up until her death, she served on the Board of Directors for the Midway City Sanitation District for 30 years.

In 2019, I was honored to join Margie and other board members in celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Midway Sanitation District.

Mayor Rice was an active community leader and a public servant. She was passionate, dedicated, focused, hardworking, and above all, outspoken.

She was a force to be reckoned with—a force for good for the city and the community she cared deeply about.

Margie Rice dedicated her life to advocating for the needs of the community and she achieved many results for the residents and businesses of Westminster.

Among her legacy is the building of the Westminster Rose Center Theater, a 16,000-square-foot performing arts center for the whole community to enjoy. It was her brain-

child that is now one of the jewels of Westminster.

Margie was born in Alabama, but she called Westminster home for more than 60 years.

She was married at 16 and had her first child at 17. Together with her husband, they moved to Santa Barbara, California before settling in Westminster, just shortly before the city's incorporation.

Margie worked as a grapes picker before finding a good job with a fiberglass manufacturer. She was also a homemaker and an avid volunteer.

She volunteered with her children's school PTA, served as the president of the local Little League, and taught at Sunday School.

Despite all the things she did and even during her time serving on the City Council, she always made time for her children and her family.

Margie Rice lived in her Westminster house for 64 years. She is survived by two of her four children, 19 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren.

Mayor Margie Rice was as a pioneer, a public servant, and a community leader who loved and cared for the Westminster community with all her heart.

The residents in Westminster along with many people and communities across the 47th Congressional District will remember Margie Rice.

She will be dearly missed.

IN HONOR OF DOUG LEWIS

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Douglas Roger Lewis, who passed away in Winston-Salem, NC on April 2nd, 2021.

Doug Lewis spent his life empowering later generations to flourish as equipped leaders. Beginning his career in Buffalo, NY, where he was born, Doug took a position as a teacher at the Nichols School. He later taught in Pittsburgh, PA at Shady Side Academy before moving to North Carolina in 1957.

Doug came to Winston-Salem to serve as the headmaster of the Summit School, a role he faithfully carried out for the next 33 years. Working tirelessly to build on the foundation of his predecessors, Summit School grew by leaps and bounds. Under Doug's leadership, the school expanded by adding a junior high building and gymnasium in 1962, a science center and another gymnasium in 1977, a teaching and learning center in 1984, and a middle school building in 1986.

For Doug, working as an educator was far more than a job or a career, it was his calling. This was no secret to the countless students and staff who knew Doug as a friend, mentor, and encourager. The same was true for Bingle, Doug's wife, who also dedicated her life to education, working alongside her husband at Summit as a French teacher. Of Doug, his successor Dr. Sandra Adams, remarked, "Mr. Lewis was above all a man of vision. He saw possibilities. And because he saw possibilities he was rarely satisfied."

It was this same visionary drive that propelled Doug's work to fulfill his statement of

Summit School's mission, "Here we nourish all who come, especially children. We answer needs, enliven hopes, spur talents."

Our Nation is better today—and tomorrow will be brighter—because of people like Doug Lewis. As a student at Summit School, Doug was my principal, and I count myself a beneficiary of his leadership. It would be impossible for me to forget his warm and generous spirit, extending not only to his beloved students, but even to wildlife. I will always treasure my memories of him with the squirrels and chipmunks that he befriended, to the point that they even accompanied him on his walks around campus, sometimes riding the shoulders of his tweed jackets.

May we all live with gratitude for the life of Doug Lewis. Please join me in celebrating his memory and work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 218.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF  
SEVERAL CHURCHES IN MY DISTRICT

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the efforts of several churches in my district that worked tirelessly to provide relief, support, and resources to their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Churches provide essential support in our community during the pandemic, far beyond the call of duty. They hosted food banks for those in need, provided financial help to those struggling to make ends meet, and sought out opportunities to support the social, spiritual, and emotional needs of members.

Our community is better because of them and I recognize the volunteers who sacrificed their time, energy, and own well-being to provide relief to those who needed a lifeline extended to them. In a time of fear, they built a network of hope.

I thank the staff, volunteers, and members of Iglesia Amistad, Mosaic Church, Iglesia Palabra en Acción, Iglesia Ciudad de Dios, Confluence Ministries, Roca Fuerte, Iglesia Orchard, El renuevo, Northern Hills Church, the Colorado Multiethnic Coalition, and Renewal Christian Center.

The impact of this outreach on our community is profound. I commend all involved for their ongoing effort to ensure that no one gets left behind.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERIC SPEECE  
ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE  
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL  
OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Eric Speece. Eric will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for his distinct athletic achievements in the sport of football. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Eric first stepped on the football field as a member of the West Pittston Rams mini football team. He helped lead the team to two championships, one in 1976 and one in 1978. He played Little League Baseball for Halls Nursery/Millers Economy; his team won the championship in 1979. He also wrestled in junior high.

Eric attended Wyoming Area High School, where he was a key player on the football team. While in high school, he gained over 1700 rushing yards and scored 26 touchdowns. In 1982, he lettered in football and received an honorable mention All-Scholastic. In 1983, he lettered and was named to the first team All-Scholastic as a running back. That year, he rushed for 1100 yards and scored 20 touchdowns. He was a leading scorer in the Wyoming Valley Conference with 20 touchdowns, a safety, and a two-point conversion. For his efforts, the Citizens' Voice named him Offensive Player of the Year, and he was named All-Conference VFW Player of the Year and WVC Second Leading Rusher. He played on the UNICO West Team, and in 2009, he was inducted into the Wyoming Area Ring of Pride. In addition to football, Eric played basketball and ran track.

Eric continued his football and academic careers at Lock Haven University. His freshman year he was the team's leading rusher and started seven games. He lettered in 1984–1985 and had 122 carries for 585 yards, five touchdowns, and one receiving touchdown. He then transferred to Bloomsburg University where he lettered in football in 1987 and 1989. While at Bloomsburg, he had 405 rushing yards with one touchdown and 90 yards receiving with one touchdown.

After graduating from college, Eric continued to pursue his passion for football. He played adult flag football from 1990 to 2006 in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. In 2000, he joined the coaching staff of his alma mater, Wyoming Area. He also returned to West Pittston Rams mini football as coach from 1990 to 2006; his teams made the playoffs nine out of his ten seasons with the team. In 2000, they were the Super Bowl runners-up.

It is an honor to recognize Eric on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I was absent due to a delay coming to the floor. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 238.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, for vote on final passage of H.R. 4346, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 239.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL MARVIN WALKER AS COMMANDER OF THE ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the retirement of Colonel Marvin Walker today as Commander of the Anniston Army Depot.

Colonel Walker earned his undergraduate degree from Dillard University and his graduate degrees from the U.S. War College and Webster University. He is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Joint Combined Warfighting School, and the United States Air War College.

In 1996, Colonel Walker received his commission in the Ordnance Corps. During his illustrious career, Colonel Walker held leadership posts around the world in defense of our Nation to include command at the company and battalion level. Colonel Walker repeatedly served our Nation in combat, deploying to Kuwait once, Iraq twice, and commanding the 3–401st Army Field Support Battalion in Afghanistan.

He has received numerous awards and decorations in service to our Nation—including the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters—but no amount of awards could capture the valor, bravery, and commitment he has provided to our Nation, nor the incalculable debt we owe back to him.

Colonel Walker has served honorably as the 36th commander of the Anniston Army Depot since July 2019, where he has overseen an annual \$850M operating revenue in support of Warfighter readiness and has led a workforce of 3,000 personnel. He has earned the respect and admiration of all those serving at the Depot and led with great fidelity to our Nation. It is a great privilege to call the Anniston Army Depot part of Alabama's Third District, and a tremendous honor to have had Colonel Walker commanding the post.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Colonel Walker on his retirement and distinguished service to the Anniston Army Depot, the United States Army, and our Nation.

### YOUTH, PEACE, AND SECURITY ACT INTRODUCTION

### HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the reintroduction of my bill, the Youth, Peace, and Security Act of 2021.

Currently, youth make up the majority of the population in conflict-affected countries. However, youth remain under-represented in overseas conflict prevention, management, resolution, and post-conflict relief and recovery efforts. Youth and youth-led groups have shown their ability to play critical roles in deescalating conflict, preventing cyclical violence, and improving the effectiveness and sustainability of peace processes and agreements.

The Youth, Peace and Security Act of 2021 recognizes the importance of youth involvement and leadership in peace-building and conflict-prevention activities. The bill makes it the policy of the United States to promote the inclusive and meaningful participation of youth in peace building and conflict prevention, management, and resolution, as well as post-conflict relief and recovery efforts. The bill directs the State Department and USAID to develop a strategy to implement these goals. The strategy will prioritize providing training and technical assistance to youth; integrate youth consultation in aid programs; facilitate a safe and inclusive environment for youth; and, include youth in assessments of U.S. peace and security initiatives, among other priorities.

The bill would also require the President to appoint a coordinator to implement this strategy, currently held by USAID's Senior Agency Advisor on Youth. The coordinator will lead the implementation of the Youth, Peace, and Security strategy; establish an advisory group made up of youth and civil society organizations to guide the implementation of the strategy; and, oversee the awarding of grants and provision of technical assistance to youth-led, peace-building organizations and individuals. These grants are part of the newly established Youth, Peace, and Security Fund, which seeks to support organizations dedicated to peace building, conflict prevention, conflict management, and conflict resolution.

I am thrilled to be joined in leading this bill with my colleagues Congressman JOHN CURTIS, Congressman DEAN PHILLIPS, and Congressman BRIAN FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important piece of legislation.

### REMEMBERING ALBERT ONIS WATTS, SR.

### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Albert Onis Watts, Sr.,